



JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON ENERGY POLICY

Report on Informational Sessions and Site Visit

Little Rock and Conway, Arkansas

February 4, 2014

Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy traveled to Little Rock and Conway, Arkansas on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, through Friday, November 22, 2013, for informational sessions and site visits related to shale gas production and regulatory oversight of those activities in the state. No votes were taken.

Members present were: Senator Bob Rucho, Chair; Senator Andrew Brock; Senator Gene McLaurin; Senator E.S. (Buck) Newton; Senator Ronald Rabin; Representative James L. Boles; Representative Ken Goodman; and Representative Mike Stone. Legislative staff present were: Dr. Jeff Warren, Senate Senior Policy Advisor; Andy Munn, House Senior Policy Advisor; Lewis King, House Research Assistant; and Jennifer McGinnis, Commission Counsel.

On November 19, 2013, a courtesy notice was sent to members and interested parties via e-mail. A copy of the courtesy notice is included in the attachments to this report as [Attachment #1](#).

On Wednesday and Thursday, a series of informational sessions were held for members to learn more about Arkansas' experience with hydraulic fracturing operations through presentations and roundtable discussions with industry representatives Arkansas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners (AIPRO), America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA), American Petroleum Institute (API), Southwestern Energy, among others); representatives from area Chambers of Commerce; representatives from The Nature Conservancy of Arkansas; and Arkansas' regulators and legislators. On Friday, the members made a site visit to Southwestern Energy headquarters, production sites, and compressed natural gas (CNG) stations. The itinerary for the informational sessions and site visit is provided below, and where applicable, material received by the members during the informational sessions and site visit are noted as attachments to this report:

Wednesday, November 20th

3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Informational session with industry and chamber representatives
(Brochure entitled "Oil and Natural Gas in Arkansas: An Educational Message from the Arkansas Oil and Natural Gas Community," is included in the attachments to this report as [Attachment #2](#))

Thursday, November 21st

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Informational session with Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
Teresa Marks, Director
Karen Bassett, Chief Deputy Director
Ryan Benefield, Deputy Director



(Copies of ADEQ PowerPoint presentation, and memorandum on drilling fluid disposal sites, are included in the attachments to this report as [Attachments #3](#) and [#4](#), respectively)

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Informational session with Lawrence Bengal, Director
Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission (AOGC)
(Copy of AOGC PowerPoint presentation is included in the attachments to this report as [Attachment #5](#))
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Informational session with Members of the Arkansas General Assembly
Senator Michael Lamoureux, President Pro Tempore
Senator Jonathon Dismang
Representative Jeremy Gillam
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Informational session with The Nature Conservancy of Arkansas
Scott Simon, State Director
Doug Zollner, Director of Conservation
(The Nature Conservancy of Arkansas, Year-End Report for 2012, is included in the attachments to this report as [Attachment #6](#))
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Informational session on development of oil and gas regulatory matters
John F. Peiserich, Attorney, PPGMR Law, PLLC
James D. Rankin, III, Attorney, PPGMR Law, PLLC

Friday, November 22nd

- 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Site visit to Southwestern Energy headquarters, production sites, and CNG stations
(Documents entitled "Revenue Streams from Fayetteville Shale," "Fayetteville Shale Production by County – 2013," and "Govt Relations Data Set Summary by County," are included in the attachments to this report as [Attachments #7](#), [#8](#), and [#9](#), respectively)

A copy of this report will be posted on the Commission's website and will be provided to the Legislative Library.